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SUBJECT: ST. LUCIA WANTS INDEPDEENCE

1. ST. LUCIA WILL MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO TERMINATE ITS ASSOCIATE STATEHOOD WITH THE UK IN FAVOR OF FULL INDEPENDENCE, GOVERNOR SIR ALLEN LEWIS SAID YESTERDAY IN A THRONE SPEECH OPENING THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHEN THE REQUEST WOULD BE MADE. SIR ALLEN SAID THAT ST. LUCIA HAD ATTEMPTED FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING WITH OTHER ASSOCIATED STATES "SO THAT TOGETHER WE MIGHT ENTER THE PORTAL OF INDEPENDENCE." ST. LUCIA HAS GIVEN UP ON EVER SUCCEEDING IN THIS AND MUST PROCEED ALONE.

2. COMMENT: WHEN EMBOFF SAW HIM ON NOVEMBER 28, PREMIER JOHN COMPTON SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE THE ISLAND INDEPENDENT. ASKED WHEN, HE INDICATED THAT THERE WAS NO HURRY; HIS GOVERNMENT WAS ELECTED LAST YEAR AND ELECTIONS WERE NOT CONSTITUTIONALLY DUE UNTIL 1979. INDEPENDENCE WOULD BE REALIZED SOMETIME BEFORE THEN. THE EMBASSY ESTIMATES THAT ST. LUCIA WILL NOT BE THE NEXT ASSOCIATED STATE TO BECOME INDEPENDENT. ANTIGUA SEEMS THE LIKLIEST BET. INCIDENTALLY, THE ANTIGUA DEPUTY BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE IN ANTIGUA ALSO TOLD VISITNG EMBASSY OFFICERS--APPROPOS OF ALL FIVE ASSOCIATED STATES--THAT IF ANY OF THEM DEMAND INDEPDEENCE, THEY WILL "BE KNOWCKING ON AN UNLOCKED DOOR."

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